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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR
VIA: Executive

FROM: Assistant Director, OCD

**SUBJECT: Unfavorable comments on CIA made by Air Force
civilian lecturing at the Strategic Intelligence
School**

1. Several employees of this Agency have been attending the sessions of the Strategic Intelligence School which is shortly to come to a close.
2. One of them tells me that a lecture was recently given at the school by a Mr. Ralph E. Politte, Strategic Vulnerability Branch, Air Intelligence Division, Directorate of Air Intelligence, and that it contained the following statements:
 - a. An economy wave hit the service intelligence agencies after the end of the war. This obliged them to release many personnel, but was not without some benefits as it enabled them to get rid of deadwood and incompetents. Fortunately, a new intelligence agency was created at this time and it absorbed the aforesaid deadwood and incompetents.
 - b. There is now a new intelligence agency in the field, and it is called Central Intelligence Agency. Its work completely duplicates that of the service agencies.
3. No doubt Mr. Politte's views do not reflect those held by all seniors, but this of course will not be known by the attaches who were indoctrinated by him. It seems unfortunate that the latter, who are going to posts all over the world and will be in contact with CIA activities, should be sent forth with such a send-off.
4. Possibly the Director will think it worth while to bring this matter to the attention of General Cabell.

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Statler with Cabell
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Director

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General Cabell's formal apology for the statements made by
Mr. Politte concerning CIA

1. You will be interested to learn, if you have not already been advised, that General Cabell read aloud to the assembled Strategic Intelligence School his letter to you concerning Mr. Politte's statements re CIA. Thus all who heard Mr. Politte also heard General Cabell's repudiation of his views.

2. I have not seen General Cabell's letter, so I do not know whether or not it included a statement, made to the school, that administrative action had been taken with regard to Mr. Politte.

3. General Cabell's corrective action was prompt, effective, and generous to CIA. Perhaps you will wish to let him know that it is appreciated at all levels within the Agency.

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